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SUBJECT: DEFENSE COMPATIBILITY ACTION PLAN

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1. WHILE IT CONTAINS SOME PROPOSALS WE CANNOT ACCEPT, THE LATEST SPANISH INITIATIVE ON DEFENSE COMPATIBILITY PLAN (REF) OFFERS ENOUGH COMMON GROUND TO BEGIN SERIOUS DISCUSSIONS IN PERMANENT SECRETARIAT. I RECOGNIZE THAT WE CANNOT JOIN WITH GOS IN DELIMITING ANY SPECIFIC " GEOGRAPHIC ZONES OF MUTUAL INTEREST". SIMILARLY, WE SHOULD NOT ENGAGE IN JOINT PLANNING FOR SPECIFIC HYPOTHETICAL CONFLICT SITUATIONS POSITED BY THE SPANISH. BUT, I BELIEVE WE SHOULD CONFRONT THESE DIFFICULTIES FORTHRIGHTLY WHEN SPANISH RAISE THEM, STRESSING PRACTICAL DIFFICULTY OF ADVANCE PLANNING FOR UNKNOWN CIRCUMSTANCES, AND REITERATING THAT GOS, OF COURSE, MAY INITIATE URGENT CONSULTATIONS WITH US AT ANY TIME.

2. AS COUNTER- ARGUMENT, WE SHOULD CONTINUE TO STRESS THAT OBJECTIVE OF JOINT PLANNING EFFORTS OF BOTH COUNTRIES SHOULD BE TO PREPARE OURSELVES TO COOPERATE MORE EFFECTIVELY IN MEET-
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ING WIDE RANGE OF POSSIBLE BUT UNSPECIFIED SITUATIONS RELATED TO COMMON DEFENSE OF THE WEST, FIRST BY WORKING TOWARD COMMON UNDERSTANDING OF THE THREAT, AND SECOND BY PRACTICAL MEASURES TO MAKE OUR DEFENSE EFFORTS IN THE REGION MESH BETTER, SUCH AS JOINT FIED BY AAU, RECEIVED BY PRESIDENT SENGHOR, ETC.

4. DIACK CONFIRMED THAT EXPECTED TV EQUIPMENT WILL BE AVAILABLE DAKAR AND MADE OFFER TO PROVIDE TECHNICIANS TO HELP SENEGALESE PRODUCE TAPE WHICH WILL BE MARKETABLE IN THE US. BOTH DIACK AND SENEGALESE TV DIRECTOR, WITH WHOM WALKER MET LATER, GLADLY ACCEPTED.

5. WALKER MADE AN EXTREMELY GOOD IMPRESSION ON SENEGALESE AS A FELLOW ATHLETE WHO CAN SPEAK WITH AUTHORITY AND WHO IS SYMPATHETIC TO THEIR SITUATION. BELIEVE HIS VISIT HAS GONE LONG WAY TOWARD RESTORING SENSE OF CORDIALITY AND MUTUALITY WHICH SEEMED LACKING AT TIME OF GANGA VISIT TO DAKAR. EMBASSY STRONGLY ENDORSES EFFORT TO OBTAIN PRIVATE CONTRIBUTION TO FURTHER DEFRAID US TEAM'S EXPENSES. WHILE MUCH RELIEVED BY NEW REDUCTIONS, SENEGALESE ARE STILL DEEPLY COMMITTED TO AN EXPENSIVE PROPOSITION. FURTHER GESTURE WOULD BE HIGHLY APPRECIATED.
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